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# **2019 ELECTIONS CALENDAR**

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Calendar entries pertaining to Campaign Finance deadlines are printed in green.

## **JANUARY**

#### 1st STATE HOLIDAY

<u>Terms Begin</u>: Supreme Court Justice, Circuit Court Judge, Chancery Court Judge and County Court Judge. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 9-5-1, 9-7-1, 9-9-5, 9-4-5*)

- **Qualifying Period Begins:** First day candidates may qualify for Statewide, State District, Legislative, County and County District Offices in the respective office(s). (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-299, 23-15-359)
- **7**th Term Begins: Court of Appeals Justices. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 9-4-5(2)(c)*)
- 8th Legislative Session Begins. (MS Const. 1890 § 36; Miss. Code Ann. § 5-1-7)
- 9th Circuit Clerks' Association Annual Seminar in Jackson (January 9 through January 11)

- 10<sup>th</sup> Campaign Finance Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Periodic Reports due in the appropriate office for 2018 Judicial Candidates and political committees which supported or opposed a 2018 judicial candidate. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(ii) and (e))
- 15<sup>th</sup> <u>Voter Roll Maintenance</u>: County Election Commissioners meet to conduct voter roll maintenance and purge ineligible voters from SEMS. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153(1)(a))

#### 21st STATE HOLIDAY

- **23**<sup>rd</sup> Election Commissioners' Annual Meeting and Certification Training (January 23 through January 25).
- **30<sup>th</sup>** Lobbyist and Lobbyists' Client(s) Annual Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Annual Report for lobbyists and clients due in the Secretary of State's Office electronically.
- 31st <u>Campaign Finance Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.</u>: Annual Report due in the appropriate office for candidates, current officeholders and political committees, excluding 2018 Judicial Candidates and those political committees which supported or opposed a 2018 judicial candidate. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(iii))

## **FEBRUARY**

#### 18th STATE HOLIDAY

**25**<sup>th</sup> Lobbyist and Lobbyists' Client(s) Mid-Session Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Mid-Session Report for lobbyists and clients due in the Secretary of State's Office electronically.

#### MARCH

- Qualifying Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Party Primary and independent candidates for State, State District, Legislative, County and County District Offices. State Executive Committees forward to the Secretary of State's Office copies of all candidates' statements of intent no later than 6:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-299(3), 23-15-299(4)(b), 23-15-359(3))
- 5th <u>Candidate List(s) Deadline, 5:00 p.m.</u>: State Executive Committees provide to the Secretary of State's Office a list by name, mailing address and office sought, of candidates for State, State District and Legislative Offices who filed qualifying papers on or before the qualifying deadline. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-296)

### **APRIL**

- 7th Sine Die: Legislative Session Ends (Miss. Const. 1890 § 36)
- 10<sup>th</sup> Lobbyist and Lobbyists' Client(s) End-of-Session Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: End-of Session Report for lobbyists and clients due in the Secretary of State's Office electronically.
- 29th STATE HOLIDAY

#### MAY

- **10<sup>th</sup>** Campaign Finance Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Periodic Reports due in the appropriate office for 2019 candidates and political committees supporting or opposing 2019 candidates. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(ii)(e))
- 27th STATE HOLIDAY

## JUNE

7th Permanently Disabled Voters List: Circuit Clerks deliver the list to the County Election Commissioners to purge ineligible voters. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3))

Absentee Ballot Applications Available: Applications for the August Primary Elections must be available in the Circuit Clerks' Offices to eligible absentee voters. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-625)

Qualified Candidate List(s) Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: State Executive Committees provide to the Secretary of State's Office a list by name, mailing address and office sought, of candidates for State, State District and Legislative Offices who have been certified as qualified by each respective State Executive Committee and is therefore eligible to be placed upon the Primary Election ballot.

- **10<sup>th</sup>** Campaign Finance Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Periodic Reports due in the appropriate office for 2019 candidates and political committees supporting or opposing 2019 candidates. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(ii) and (e))
- 17th <u>Primary Election Sample Ballot Deadline</u>: The Secretary of State's Office publishes the Primary Election sample ballot in SEMS. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-331)

22<sup>nd</sup> <u>UOCAVA 45- Day Deadline</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices must send by email, mail or fax absentee ballots for the first and second (runoff) Primary Elections to UOCAVA voters who have requested an absentee ballot by state application, Federal Post Card Application (FPCA) or Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot (FWAB) since January 1, 2019. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-685)

Absentee Ballots Available: Absentee ballots must be available in the Circuit Clerks' Offices as of this date. Absentee ballots must be mailed within 24 hours to voters who submitted an application before ballots became available, once ballots are available. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715)

<u>Permanently Disabled Voters List</u>: Election Commissioners return revised list to Circuit Clerks for Primary Elections. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3))

- **24**<sup>th</sup> Temporary MS Voter ID Card: Circuit Clerks' Offices must print in color on TVIC paper the Temporary MS Voter ID Card to those voters who submit an application for the MS Voter ID Card during the 45-days preceding the Primary Elections.
- 27<sup>th</sup> Absentee Ballot Deadline for Permanently Disabled Voters: Circuit Clerks' Offices mail absentee ballots to voters on the county's revised permanently disabled voters list. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(4))

## **JULY**

- 1st <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the lunch/noon hour, for voter registration. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))
  - <u>Voter Roll Maintenance</u>: County Election Commissioners meet to conduct voter roll maintenance and purge ineligible voters from SEMS. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153(1)(c))
- **2<sup>nd</sup>** <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the lunch/noon hour, for voter registration. (*Miss. Code Ann. §* 23-15-37(2))
- 3rd <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the lunch/noon hour, for voter registration. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))

#### 4th STATE HOLIDAY

5th <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the lunch/noon hour, for voter registration. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))

- **6**<sup>th</sup> <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices <u>MUST</u> remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. for voter registration. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2)*)
- Woter Registration Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Applicants who register in-person in the Circuit Clerks' Offices no later than 5:00 p.m. today and those who mail registration applications post-marked no later than today (7/8/2019) are eligible to vote in the August Primary Elections. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-37(2), 23-15-47(2)(a))
- 10<sup>th</sup> Campaign Finance Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Periodic Reports due in the appropriate office for 2019 candidates and political committees supporting or opposing 2019 candidates. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(ii)(e))
- **23rd** Appointment of Poll Workers: Deadline by which County Election Officials appoint poll managers for the Primary Elections. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-265)
  - <u>Publication of Notice of Poll Worker Training</u>: County Election Officials must post notice of the time and location of poll manager training at the Courthouse and publish the same in a newspaper at least five (5) days prior to the date of the training. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239(1)(4)*)
- 26<sup>th</sup> Publication of Notice of L&A Testing: County Election Officials must provide public notice of the time and location of L&A testing at least five (5) days prior to the date of the testing. Candidates, candidate representatives, political parties, news media and the public are permitted to observe L&A testing. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-531.6(3)(b))
- **27th** <u>UOCAVA Voter Registration Deadline</u>: To be eligible to vote in the upcoming Primary Elections, Circuit Clerks' Offices must be in actual receipt of a completed FPCA from a UOCAVA voter. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-677(2))
  - <u>Circuit Clerks' Offices OPEN for Absentee Voting</u> from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653)
- 29th Primary Runoff Election, Voter Registration Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Applicants who register in-person in the Circuit Clerks' Offices no later than 5:00 p.m. today and those who mail registration applications post-marked no later than today (7/29/2019) are eligible to vote in the August Primary Runoff Elections. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-37(2), 23-15-47(2)(a))
- 30th <u>Campaign Finance Pre-Election Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.</u>: Pre-Election Reports are due from ALL 2019 Primary Election candidates and political committees supporting or opposing those candidate in the appropriate office. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(1) and (e)*)

#### **AUGUST**

- Poll Manager Training Deadline: No poll manager or resolution board member may serve in the Primary Election(s) unless he/she has received training within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of the election. (Miss. Code Ann.  $\S 23-15-239(1)(a)$ )
- 3rd <u>In-Person Absentee Voting Deadline, 12:00 p.m.</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices OPEN from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653*)
- $4^{th}$  L&A Testing Deadline. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-531.6(3)(a))
  - <u>Campaign Finance 48-Hour Reporting Deadline</u>: Forty-Eight Hour Reports due for candidates and committees supporting or opposing those candidates for contributions received on or after Sunday, July 28 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, August 4 at 12:01 a.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(1)*)
- 5th <u>Absentee Ballot by Mail Deadline, 5:00 p.m.</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices must be in actual receipt of absentee ballots returned by mail for ballots to be timely. This is not a postmark deadline but an actual receipt deadline. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-637)
- 6th PRIMARY ELECTION DAY for Statewide, State District, Legislative, County and County District Offices. Polling places open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-1031)
  - <u>UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Deadline, 7:00 p.m.</u>: Absentee ballots received by the Circuit Clerks' Offices by 7:00 p.m. from only UOCAVA voters by email, fax or mail are timely, and should be delivered to the voters' respective precincts for processing by the poll managers. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-699(6)*)
- 7th <u>Late Received Absentee Ballots</u>: The applications and unopened absentee ballot envelopes received by the Circuit Clerks' Office after the applicable deadlines must be stamped with the date and hour of receipt and retained for twenty-two (22) months. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-647)
  - Qualifying Period Begins: First day candidates may qualify for County School Board, Municipal Separate School District Trustee, Special Municipal Separate School District Trustee, or Consolidated/Consolidated Line School District Trustee, if any. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-5-9, 37-7-211, 37-7-225, 37-7-711)

13th <u>Voter ID Affidavit Ballot Deadline, 5:00 p.m.</u>: Last day affidavit voters who cast an affidavit ballot by reason of photo ID may present an acceptable form of photo ID or complete an affidavit of religious objection in the Circuit Clerk's Office. (Miss. Const. 1890 § 249-A)

<u>Appointment of Poll Workers for Primary Runoff Elections</u>: Deadline by which County Election Officials appoint poll managers for the Runoff Elections. (Miss. Code Ann.

§ 23-15-265)

<u>Publication of Notice of Poll Worker Training for Primary Runoff Elections</u>: County Election Officials must post notice of the time and location of poll manager training at the Courthouse and publish the same in a newspaper at least five (5) days prior to the date of the training. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239(1)(4))

<u>Publication of Notice of L&A Testing for Primary Runoff Election</u>: County Election Officials must provide public notice of the time and location of L&A testing at least five (5) days prior to the date of the testing. Candidates, candidate representatives, political parties, news media and the public are permitted to observe L&A testing.

- 15<sup>th</sup> Canvass of Returns and Announcement of Results: County Election Officials forward certified election results to the respective State Executive Committee and Secretary of State. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597)
- 16th <u>Tabulated Statement of Party Vote</u>: Deadline by which State Executive Committees declare primary election results, forward to the Secretary of State the tabulated statements of the vote, announce the names of the party nominees and submit the names of candidates for the Primary Runoff Elections. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-599)

<u>Primary Runoff Election Sample Ballot</u>: The Secretary of State's Office publishes the Primary Runoff Election sample ballot in SEMS.

17th <u>Circuit Clerks' Offices OPEN for Primary Runoff Election Absentee Voting</u> from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653)

Circuit Clerks' Office must mail an absentee ballot available through SEMS to all voters on the county's permanently disabled voters list and to those voters who completed an absentee ballot application before the Runoff Election ballot was available. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-629(4), 23-15-715)

**20th** <u>Campaign Finance Pre-Election Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.</u>: Pre-Election Reports are due from only Primary Runoff Election candidates and political committees supporting or opposing those candidate in the appropriate office. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(1) and (e)*)

- **22<sup>nd</sup>** Poll Manager Training Deadline for Primary Runoff Election: No poll manager or resolution board member may serve in the Primary Runoff Election(s) unless he/she has received training within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of the election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239(1)(a))
- **24<sup>th</sup>** In-Person Absentee Voting Deadline, 12:00 p.m., for Primary Runoff Election: Circuit Clerks' Offices OPEN from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653)
- **25th** <u>L&A Testing Deadline for Primary Runoff Election</u>. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-531.6(3)(a))

<u>Campaign Finance 48-Hour Reporting Deadline</u>: Forty-Eight Hour Reports due for candidates and committees supporting or opposing those candidates for contributions received on or after Sunday, August 18 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, August 25 at 12:01 a.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(1)*)

- 26th Absentee Ballot by Mail Deadline, 5:00 p.m., for Primary Runoff Election: Circuit Clerks' Offices must be in actual receipt of absentee ballots returned by mail for ballots to be timely. This is not a postmark deadline but an actual receipt deadline. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-637)
- **27th PRIMARY RUNOFF ELECTION DAY** for Statewide, State District, Legislative, County and County District Offices. Polling places open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-1031*)

<u>UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Deadline, 7:00 p.m., for Primary Runoff Election</u>: Absentee ballots received by the Circuit Clerks' Offices by 7:00 p.m. only from UOCAVA voters by email, fax or mail are timely, and should be delivered to the voters' respective precincts for processing by the poll managers. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-699(6))

28th <u>Late Received Absentee Ballots</u>: The applications and unopened absentee ballot envelopes received by the Circuit Clerks' Offices after the applicable deadlines must be stamped with the date and hour of receipt and retained for twenty-two (22) months. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-647)

## **SEPTEMBER**

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> STATE HOLIDAY

4th <u>Voter ID Affidavit Ballot Deadline, 5:00 p.m.</u>: Last day affidavit voters who cast an affidavit ballot by reason of voter ID may present an acceptable form of photo ID or complete an affidavit of religious objection in the Circuit Clerk's Office. (Miss. Const. 1890 § 249-A)

- 5<sup>th</sup> Canvass of Returns and Announcement of Primary Runoff Election Results: County Election Officials forward certified election results to the respective State Party Executive Committee and the Secretary of State. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-597)
- Tabulated Statement of Party Vote: Deadline by which State Executive Committees declare primary runoff election results, forward to the Secretary of State the tabulated statements of the vote, announce the names of the party nominees and submit the names of candidates for the General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-599)

Qualifying Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Candidates for County School Board, Municipal Separate School District Trustee, Special Municipal Separate School District Trustee, or Consolidated/Consolidated Line School District Trustee, if any. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 37-5-9, 37-7-211, 37-7-225, 37-7-711)

<u>Permanently Disabled Voters List</u>: Circuit Clerks deliver the list of permanently disabled voters to the Election Commissioners to purge ineligible voters. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3))

<u>Absentee Ballot Applications Available</u>: Applications for the November General Election must be made available to eligible absentee voters. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-625)

- 9th <u>Voter Roll Maintenance</u>: County Election Commissioners meet to conduct voter roll maintenance and purge ineligible voters from SEMS. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-153(1)(d))
- **11<sup>th</sup>** General Election Sample Ballot Deadline: The Secretary of State's Office publishes the General Election sample ballot in SEMS. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-367(3))

Circuit Clerks' Association Annual Summer Conference (Sept. 11 through Sept. 13)

21st <u>UOCAVA 45-Day Deadline</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices send by email, mail or fax absentee ballots for the General Election to UOCAVA voters who previously requested an absentee ballot by state application, FPCA or FWAB since January 1, 2019. (*Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-683, 23-15-691, 23-15-692, 23-15-699*)

Absentee Ballots Available: Absentee ballots must be available in the Circuit Clerks' Offices as of this date. Absentee ballots must be mailed within 24 hours to voters who submitted an application before ballots became available, once ballots are available. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-715)

<u>Permanently Disabled Voters List</u>: Election Commissioners return revised list to Circuit Clerks for General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(3))

- 23<sup>rd</sup> Temporary MS Voter ID Card: Circuit Clerks' Offices must print in color on TVIC paper the Temporary MS Voter ID Card to those voters who submit an application for the MS Voter ID Card during the 45-days preceding the General Election.
- 26<sup>th</sup> Absentee Ballot Deadline for Permanently Disabled Voters: Circuit Clerks' Offices mail absentee ballots to voters on the county's revised permanently disabled voters list. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-629(4))
- **30**<sup>th</sup> <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the lunch/noon hour, for voter registration. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))

## **OCTOBER**

- 1st <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the lunch/noon hour, for voter registration. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))
- **2<sup>nd</sup>** <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the lunch/noon hour, for voter registration. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))
- 3<sup>rd</sup> <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the lunch/noon hour, for voter registration. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))
- 4<sup>th</sup> <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices may remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., including the lunch/noon hour, for voter registration. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))
- 5<sup>th</sup> <u>Voter Registration</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices MUST remain open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-37(2))
- 7<sup>th</sup> <u>Voter Registration Deadline, 5:00 p.m.</u>: Applicants who register in-person in the Circuit Clerks' Offices no later than 5:00 p.m. today and those who mail registration applications post-marked no later than today (10/7/2019) are eligible to vote in the November General Election. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-37(2), 23-15-47(2)(a))
- **10<sup>th</sup>** Campaign Finance Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Periodic Reports due in the appropriate office for 2019 candidates and political committees supporting or opposing 2019 candidates. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(ii)(e))
- 14th FEDERAL HOLIDAY

- Publication of Notice of Poll Worker Training: County Election Commissioners post notice of the time and location of poll manager training at the Courthouse and publish the same in a newspaper at least five (5) days prior to the date of the training. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239(1)(4))
- **26<sup>th</sup>** <u>UOCAVA Voter Registration Deadline</u>: To be eligible to vote in the upcoming General Election, Circuit Clerks' Offices must be in actual receipt of a completed FPCA from a UOCAVA voter. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-677(2))
  - <u>Circuit Clerks' Offices OPEN for Absentee Voting</u> from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653)
- Publication of Notice of L&A Testing: County Election Commissioners must provide public notice of the time and location of L&A testing at least five (5) days prior to the date of the testing. Candidates, candidate representatives, political parties, news media and the public are permitted to observe L&A testing. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-531.6(3)(b))
  - General Runoff Election, Voter Registration Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Applicants who register in-person in the Circuit Clerks' Offices no later than 5:00 p.m. today and who mail registration applications post-marked no later than today (10/28/2019) are eligible to vote in the November General Runoff Election. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-37(2), 23-15-47(2)(a))
- 29th <u>Campaign Finance Pre-Election Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.</u>: Pre-Election Reports are due from only General Election candidates and political committees supporting or opposing those candidate in the appropriate office. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(1) and (e)*)
- Poll Manager Training Deadline: No poll manager or resolution board member may serve in the General Election unless he/she has received training within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of the election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239(1)(a))

#### **NOVEMBER**

- **2<sup>nd</sup>** In-Person Absentee Voting Deadline, 12:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' Offices OPEN from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653*)
- **3rd** <u>L&A Testing Deadline</u>. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-541.6(3)(a)*)

<u>Campaign Finance 48-Hour Reporting Deadline</u>: Forty-Eight Hour Reports due for candidates and committees supporting or opposing those candidates for contributions received on or after Sunday, October 27 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, November 3 at 12:01 a.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(1)*)

- Absentee Ballot by Mail Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' Offices must be in actual receipt of absentee ballots returned by mail for ballots to be timely. This is not a postmark deadline but an actual receipt deadline. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-631(1)(c), 23-15-637)
- 5th <u>GENERAL ELECTION DAY</u> for Statewide, State District, Legislative, County, County District and School District Offices. Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
  - <u>UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Deadline, 7:00 p.m.</u>: Absentee ballots received by the Circuit Clerks' Offices by 7:00 p.m. only from UOCAVA voters by email, fax or mail are timely, and should be delivered to the voters' respective precincts for processing by the poll managers. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-699(6))
- 6<sup>th</sup> <u>Late Received Absentee Ballots</u>: The applications and unopened absentee ballot envelopes received by the Circuit Clerks' Office after the deadline must be stamped with the date and hour of receipt and retained for twenty-two (22) months. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-647)

#### 11th STATE HOLIDAY

- Publication of Notice of Poll Worker Training for General Runoff Election (if necessary): County Election Commissioners post notice of the time and location of poll manager training at the Courthouse and publish the same in a newspaper at least five (5) days prior to the date of the training. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239(1)(4))
- 13th <u>Voter ID Affidavit Ballot Deadline, 5:00 p.m.</u>: Last day affidavit voters who cast an affidavit ballot by reason of voter photo ID may present an acceptable form of photo ID or complete an affidavit of religious objection in the Circuit Clerks' Offices. (Miss. Const. 1890 § 249-A)
- Delivery of General Election Returns Deadline: County Election Commissioners forward to the Secretary of State's Office their county's certified recapitulation from the General Election, which must be signed by a quorum (majority) of the commissioners, and two (2) sets of electoral vote totals for each statewide office by State House district. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-601, 23-15-603, Miss. Const. §§ 140, 143)
- **16<sup>th</sup>** Circuit Clerks' Offices OPEN for Runoff Election Absentee Voting from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653*)

Circuit Clerks' Office must mail an absentee ballot available through SEMS to all voters on the county's permanently disabled voters list and to those voters who completed an absentee ballot application before the Runoff Election ballot was available. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-629(4), 23-15-715)

- Publication of Notice of L&A Testing for Runoff Election: County Election Commissioners must provide public notice of the time and location of L&A testing at least five (5) days prior to the date of the testing. Candidates, candidate representatives, political parties, news media and the public are permitted to observe L&A testing.
- **20<sup>th</sup>** Pre-Runoff Election, Campaign Finance Reporting Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Pre-Runoff Election Reports due in the appropriate office for ONLY General Runoff Election candidates and the political committees supporting or opposing any runoff election candidate. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(i))
- 21st Poll Manager Training Deadline for Runoff Election: No poll manager or resolution board member may serve in the Primary Runoff Election(s) unless he/she has received training within the twelve (12) months immediately preceding the date of the election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-239(1)(a))
- 23rd <u>In-Person Runoff Election Absentee Voting Deadline, 12:00 p.m.</u>: Circuit Clerks' Offices OPEN from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-653)
- **24**<sup>th</sup> L&A Testing Deadline for Runoff Election. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-531.6(3)(a))
- 25<sup>th</sup> Runoff Election Absentee Ballot by Mail Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Circuit Clerks' Offices must be in actual receipt of absentee ballots returned by mail for ballots to be timely. This is not a postmark deadline but an actual receipt deadline. (Miss. Code Ann. §§ 23-15-631(1)(c), 23-15-637)

<u>Campaign Finance 48-Hour Reporting Deadline</u>: Forty-Eight Hour Reports due for Runoff Election candidates and committees supporting or opposing those candidates for contributions received on or after Sunday, November 17 at 12:01 a.m. through Sunday, November 25 at 12:01 a.m. (*Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-807(b)(1)*)

- **26<sup>th</sup>** GENERAL RUNOFF ELECTION DAY for Municipal Separate and/or Consolidated/Consolidated Line School District Trustees. Polling places are open from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.
  - <u>UOCAVA Absentee Ballot Deadline, 7:00 p.m.</u>: Absentee ballots received by the Circuit Clerks' Offices by 7:00 p.m. from only UOCAVA voters by email, fax or mail are timely, and should be delivered to the voters' respective precincts for processing by the poll managers. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-699(6))
- 27th <u>Late Received Absentee Ballots</u>: The applications and unopened absentee ballot envelopes received by the Circuit Clerks' Office after the deadline must be stamped with the date and hour of receipt and retained for twenty-two (22) months. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-647)

#### 28th STATE HOLIDAY

#### **DECEMBER**

- Notice of Party's Intention to Hold Presidential Preference Primary: The respective chair of each party's State Executive Committee must notify the Secretary of State if the party intends to hold a presidential preference primary. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-1085)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Voter ID Affidavit Ballot Deadline, 5:00 p.m.: Last day affidavit voters who cast an affidavit ballot by reason of photo ID may present an acceptable form of photo ID or complete an affidavit of religious objection in the Circuit Clerk's Office. (Miss. Const. 1890 § 249-A)
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ascertainment of Vote and Declaration of Results by the Secretary of State: (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-605)
- 6<sup>th</sup> <u>Delivery of Runoff Election Returns Deadline</u>: County Election Commissioners forward to the Secretary of State's Office their county's certified recapitulation from the Runoff Elections, which must be signed by a quorum (majority) of the election commissioners. (Miss. Code Ann. § 23-15-603)
- National Voter Registration Act, Systematic Purging Deadline: This date is within ninety (90) days of a federal election. No voters may be removed from the voter roll after this date *based upon the confirmation card process*. However, voters MAY continue to be removed from the voter roll based upon proof of death, conviction of a disenfranchising crime, adjudication of incompetence and a written request for removal signed by the voter. (52 U. S. C. A. § 20507)

#### 25th STATE HOLIDAY